

FISCAL NOTE
SB 1073 – HB 1908

February 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the monthly retirement benefits payable to former, current, and future general sessions, probate, juvenile or domestic relations judges. Reduces the eligibility requirements for such individuals to qualify for full service retirement benefits. Requires each county to pay for the full pension liability cost to the Retirement System for all general sessions and juvenile judges. Authorizes local governments to impose a local litigation tax on each civil and criminal case filed in general sessions or juvenile courts. Such tax must be at least \$2.00 and is subject to approval by 2/3 of the legislative body of the county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$2,203,000 Annual Amortized Cost*
Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$1,000,000/Permissive

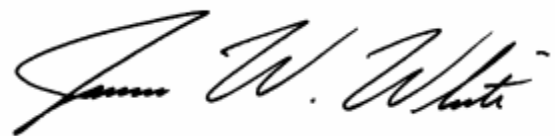
Assumptions:

- Total lump sum liability of \$19,854,000.
- Annual amortized cost assumes a 20-year amortization of the lump sum liability.
- A permissive increase in local government revenues exceeding \$1,000,000 if most local governments choose to implement a local litigation tax of \$2.00 or more.
- Over 500,000 cases are heard by over 150 city/county general sessions and juvenile courts each year in Tennessee.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director